

the committee amendments? If not, all those in favor of the amendment to the committee amendments, as explained by Senator Schmit, will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The amendment to the committee amendments has been adopted. Now the committee amendments as amended.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I now have another amendment to the committee amendment, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CARSTEN: You have another amendment? (Schmit amendment appears on pages 1795-96 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes. We thought it was necessary to give the board some guidelines in making the determination as to which of the three options to use in expending the funds for ethanol development. We had some guidelines in the sections relating to grants. When more applicants for the money applied than money was available we put these guidelines into the section which contains the boards authority to expend the funds. Second, there is some clarification needed in the language regarding the board's ability to use federal money from the Exxon overcharge proceeds which will be coming into Nebraska. Under current federal law there will be no opportunity for the state to use the money for ethanol development. However, if the federal law is changed and money becomes available for the settlement for alternative fuel development, we want to give the board the authorization to solicit money for ethanol development purposes. I would urge you to adopt the amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, thank you, Senator Schmit. Before we vote on the amendment to the committee amendments by Senator Schmit, the Chair would like to take the privilege, on behalf of Senator Rod Johnson, of welcoming 41 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from Palmer, Nebraska in the north balcony. They are accompanied by their teachers. Welcome to the Unicameral. Hope you have a nice day. Any further discussion on the Schmit amendment to the committee amendments? If not, all those in favor of that amendment to the committee amendments by Senator Schmit will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.